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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Terryon Carter, 24, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 105 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for being a felon in possession of a firearm and possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute it. Carter pleaded guilty to these charges on March 27, 2007.

On January 6, 2007, Carter was the passenger in a car that was stopped for expired registration in Madison. The driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant and the vehicle was searched incident to her arrest. Under Carter's front passenger seat were 13 individual bags of crack cocaine (for a total of .9 grams) and a loaded, stolen handgun. Carter has two prior felony convictions involving firearms and one prior felony conviction for car hijacking.

The charges against Carter were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.